

July 2026

Officers

President –
Denny Bickar
Vice-President –
Todd Wilson
Secretary –
Larry Stott
Treasurer –
Ralph Cook
Public Relations –
Tony Halekakis
Historian –
Steve Reames
Newsletter Editor –
Jim Daly

Message from the President

Fellow Pushrodders,

June has passed us bye in the wink of an eye. July can be a busy month for car shows and cruises.

As you know, our big show, Hot Rods in Hoquiam was this last weekend. Very high expectations with outcomes less than expected. As a Pushrod event, we did a very good job of planning, performing our tasks and putting on the best show that we can do.

And then we got the weather reports. As we all know, you can`t control the weather. By all accounts, the bad weather reports cost us 90 to 100 cars. The vendors didn`t get the business they were hoping for and I don`t think FiveStar Motors got much attention.

A huge thank you to all of you that helped with setting up, blocking the streets, selling T-shirts, registration, 50/50, raffle tickets, helping set up the sound system, taking pictures, selling bike tickets, and all of the other small things that have to happen to make things work. Don Richardson`s display was a hit. The parking crew did an outstanding job. The model car exhibit was a hit.

I think that we did our job. I got lots of compliments.

The Saturday night Elvis show was once again a big hit with a packed house.



Figure 1: Elvis on Stage

So, what do we do for next year? I think we need to change our format of how we have been doing things.

Things to think about:

Move our show to July 24th, make it a one-day event, maybe put on a dance - outdoors if its nice and hot or inside the Elks if its bad weather. Something different. Lots to think about.

There may be some interest in doing a show at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino.

Pete Policani told me there is an interest in doing a show out at Satsop on a farm in conjunction with a plane fly in.

At our last board meeting, the board approved a donation of $900 to the YMCA day care and a $5,000 contribution to the Aberdeen flag project.

Denny



Figure 2: Hot Rods in Hoquiam Show



Figure 3: Show Headquarters



Figure 4: Hot Dogs Friday Night



Figure 5: Cars behind the Library

Don't Forget the **Greater Northwest Hall of Fame Banquet**, September 19th in Spokane. Host Hotel - Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center, 509-924-9000, www.mirabeauparkhotel.com Art Show and Social Hour 4:00 PM PT, Dinner 5:00 PM PT, Program 6:00 PM PT. Be sure to tell them your with the Hall of Fame Banquet.



Figure 6: More cars



Figure 7: More cars

Calendar

July 1, 6:30	--	Business meeting Hoquiam Elks
July 4, 10am	--	Cruise-in, Aberdeen Festival on Broadway
July 11	--	Wheels for Hope Car Show, Shelton
July 12, 12 – 2	--	5 Star Motors Dealership Cruise-in
July 15, Noon	--	Board meeting Gil`s Shop
July 18	--	Montesano Car Show
July 26, 11 – 2	--	Garage visit Okie Thompson`s Barn/Museum (Lunch provided)

Push Rods of Hoquiam
210 6th Street
Hoquiam, WA 98550